

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition comprising:
  - (a) a chondroprotective agent selected from the group consisting of gelatin, cartilage, aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, methylsulfonylmethane, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof;
  - (b) a sweetening agent which comprises erythritol in an amount which constitutes from about 0.25% to about 10% of the beverage composition;
  - (c) at least about 75% water, by weight of the composition;
  - (d) less than about ~~48~~ 19 grams total carbohydrate per every 230 milliliters of the composition; and
  - (e) an edible coloring agent.
2. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 2 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof and wherein:
  - (a) the aminosugars are selected from the group consisting of glucosamine and salts thereof; and
  - (b) the glycosaminoglycans are selected from the group consisting of chondroitin and salts thereof.

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5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A composition according to Claim 8 4 further comprising one or more beverage components selected from the group of fruit juice, tea, milk solids, and mixtures thereof.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more nutrients.
12. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more omega-3 fatty acids.
13. (Cancelled)
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42. (Cancelled)

43. Previously Presented) A kit comprising:

(a) a composition according to Claim 4; and

(b) information that administration of the composition to mammals, including those with diabetes, promotes joint health, bone health, and anti-inflammation of joints.

44. (Cancelled)

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